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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. OF KING CARL XVI GUSTAF: BIOGRAPHIC DATA
ON KING'S PARTY

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1. ACCORDING TO OUR LATEST INFORMATION, KING'S PARTY WILL
CONSIST OF: BJORN VON DER ESCH, CHIEF MARSHALL OF THE
ROYAL COURT; AMBASSADOR TORE TALLROTH; JAN MARTENSON,
PRESS SECRETARY; BERTIL DAGGFELDT, ADJUTANT; AND KNUT
HENRY LINDELL, LORD CHAMBERLAIN. FOLLOWING IS AVAILABLE
BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON EACH OF THEM.

2. VON DER ESCH - BORN IN GERMANY IN 1930. HIS FATHER,
HANS JOACHIM VON DER ESCH, WAS AMBASSADOR IN GERMAN
DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND HELD THAT POST IN STOCKHOLM. BJORN
BECAME A SWEDISH CITIZEN IN 1939. AFTER FIVE YEARS AS
NAVAL OFFICER, HE RESIGNED TO RUN FAMILY ESTATE OF ERIKSLUND
AT VAGNHARAD IN SORMLAND WHICH CONSISTS OF 500 ACRES OF
FARM LAND AND 2,000 ACRES OF FORESTS. HIS PERSONAL
FORTUNE IS VALUED AT 5.5 MILLION KRONOR. HE EARNED DEGREE
IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM IN 1965
AND HAS ALSO STUDIED AT AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SCHOOLS.
IN 1973, HE OBTAINED PH.D. IN ECONOMICS AT UPPSALA

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UNIVERSITY. IN POLITICAL SPHERE, VON DER ESCH WAS
VERY ACTIVE IN MODERATE PARTY IN HIS HOME DISTRICT

BEFORE HIS APPOINTMENT TO COURT.

3. HIS WIFE, SIGNE, IS DAUGHTER OF GENERAL AKE LUNDSTROM. THEY HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS, LOUISE, 18, AND SUSANNE, 16. HIS HOBBIES ARE SAILING AND HUNTING.

4. TALLROTH - NOW SERVING AS SPECIAL ADVISER IN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON US BICENTENNIAL AFFAIRS. HE IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS U.S. AND REMAINED DEMONSTRABLY FRIENDLY DURING DIFFICULT PERIOD IN U.S.-SWEDISH RELATIONS.

5. BORN IN 1912. B.A. UPPSALA UNIVERSITY 1941. WAS WITH WAR-TIME INFORMATION BOARD 1941-44, SWEDISH INSTITUTE 1945 OF WHICH HE BECAME DIRECTOR 1957-63. WAS PRESS AND CULTURAL INFORMATION ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON 1949-52 AND CONSUL-GENERAL IN NEW YORK 1963-70. AWARDED RANK OF AMBASSADOR IN 1972. UNTIL RECENTLY HE WORKED IN INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OF MFA.

6. MARTENSON - BORN IN UPPSALA FEBRUARY 1933. EARNED LAW DEGREE AT UNIVERSITY OF UPPSALA IN 1960 AND ENTERED FOREIGN MINISTRY SAME YEAR. HAS SERVED IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND OECD PARIS. HE WAS GENERAL SECRETARY OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR 1972 UN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT. UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS PRESS SECRETARY TO KING, HE WAS CHIEF OF INFORMATION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

7. MARRIED IN 1967 TO INGRID GIERTZ, BORN IN 1937. SHE IS FASHION CONSULTANT AND DAUGHTER OF BISHOP OF GOTHENBURG. MARTENSON IS WELL-KNOWN WRITER OF DETECTIVE STORIES.

8. DAGGFELDT - BORN AUGUST 1933. COMMANDER IN SWEDISH NAVY. IN PRESENT ASSIGNMENT SINCE 1968. MARRIED TO ULLA NEE BERLING WHO IS DAUGHTER OF COMMODORE TORSTEN BERLING, RET. HAS ALSO BEEN SERVING AS INSTRUCTOR SINCE 1970 AT ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE.

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9. LINDELL - BORN IN 1919. APPOINTED TO COURT IN 1973. FUNCTIONS AS PERSONAL AIDE TO KING.

10. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON WILL ALSO BE IN WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH KING'S VISIT. HE WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY SVERKER ASTROM, SECRETARY GENERAL OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. PROFILES ON BOTH MEN ARE CONTAINED IN JANUARY 1975 EDITION OF BIOGRAPHIC HANDBOOK FOR SWEDEN.
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